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SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT – REVIEW OF PHYSICIAN OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT**

At the May 10, 2005 meeting, your Board directed the Auditor-Controller in collaboration with the Department of Health Services (DHS) to review timekeeping protocols and oversight at County health facilities to ensure physicians are not defrauding the health care system, and to investigate whether outside employment forms are being accurately reported. We are working with DHS Inspection and Audit staff to obtain background information and supporting documents, including copies of outside employment forms for all County doctors.

Once preliminary documentation has been gathered, we will conduct a search of public records and County databases to determine whether outside employment has been accurately reported. Additionally, we will verify for a sample of the physician population that such work is not being conducted on County time. Concurrently, staff will be reviewing physician timekeeping protocols and oversight at DHS facilities. We anticipate completing our review and presenting findings to your Board by August 1, 2005.

Please call me or have your staff contact Marion Romeis at (626) 293-1400 if you have any questions.

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